

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1916 - HB 1420

March 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2010, requires the Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors to license and regulate soil scientists. Establishes minimum educational and experience requirements to apply for licensure. Requires the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance to establish the Soil Science Advisory Committee (SSAC) which shall be administered by the Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors. Violation is a Class B misdemeanor. Authorizes the Commissioner to assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue - \$81,800/One-Time/Board of
Examiners of Land Surveyors
\$144,000/Biennially/Beginning
FY11-12/Board of Examiners of
Land Surveyors**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$9,800/One-Time/Board of
Examiners of Land Surveyors
\$72,000/Recurring/Board of
Examiners of Land Surveyors**

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

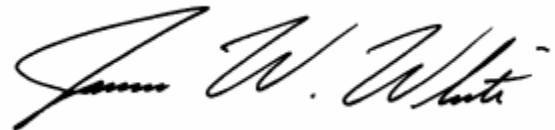
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$116,450.68.
- The SSAC will meet quarterly. Recurring travel costs for the five members of the SSAC are estimated to be \$3,088.80 (\$772.20 per one-day meeting x 4 meetings). No SSAC member will require overnight stay.
- One-time increase in Board expenditures is estimated to be \$9,772.20 (\$1,000 computer costs + \$2,000 office landscaping + \$5,000 computer

programming modifications + \$1,000 form modifications + \$772.20 for rule-making meeting of SSAC).

- The Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors will require one position for the processing of applications, issuance of licenses, confirmation of initial and continuing education requirements, and compliance inspections. The recurring increase to Board expenditures is estimated to be \$68,882 (\$37,300 salary + \$12,682 benefits + \$14,200 administration + \$1,700 office lease + \$1,000 communication and supplies + \$2,000 network and computer replacement fees).
- Total recurring increase to state expenditures is estimated to equal \$71,970.80 (\$68,882 personnel costs + \$3,088.80 quarterly meetings). Fees will be established by the Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors and the SSAC members to cover expenditures.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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